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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH GERMAN TRADE UNION LEADER

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: HEINZ VETTER, PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN

DGB, INVITED THE GERMAN, CANADIAN AND EMBASSY LABOR

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ATTACHES FOR A PRIVATE DISCUSSION OF SOME INTERNATIONAL

TRADE UNION ISSUES DURING THE COURSE OF A RECEPTION ON JUNE 11 TO INAUGURATE THE DGB-OWNED TRADE UNION BANK IN LONDON. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY ERWIN KRISTOFFERSEN. END SUMMARY

2. AMONG THE POINTS MADE BY VETTER WAS THAT THE DGB WILL DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF CGIL ENTRY INTO THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (ETUC) AT A MEETING OF ITS EXECUTIVE ON JULY 2. HE EXPECTS THAT THE DGB WILL SEEK TO DELAY ADMITTANCE OF CGIL ENTRY UNTIL AT LEAST NOVEMBER WHEN THE WFTU EXECUTIVE MEETS TO DISCUSS ITS OWN FUTURE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CGIL. VETTER, HOWEVER, EMPHASIZED THAT THE DGB DOES NOT WANT TO BE LIKE THE FRENCH FO, THE ODD MAN OUT IN WESTERN EUROPEAN LABOR.

3. VETTER SAID THAT THE DGB HAD SUCCEEDED IN GETTING THE ETUC TO AGREE TO HAVE THE ICFTU LOOK AT THE CGIL ENTRY QUESTION, AND THIS DEMONSTRATED THAT A GOOD MANY TRADE UNION CENTERS OUTSIDE OF EUROPE WERE OPPOSED TO ITS ADMITTANCE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THERE WAS BURGEONING OPPOSITION TO THE ENTRY OF CGIL AFFILIATES INTO THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECRETARIATS AND THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE INTERNATIONAL METALWORKERS FEDERATION MEETING IN STOCKHOLM IN EARLY JUNE WILL ALSO REJECT THE CGIL.

4. VETTER SAID THAT THE DGB IS OPPOSED TO A TRADE UNION MOVEMENT "FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE URALS" AND THAT NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS ON THE CGIL ISSUE, THE CGT WOULD NOT BE JOINING THE ETUC AND THAT THE LINE WOULD CERTAINLY BE DRAWN ON FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE ORGANIZATION INTO EASTERN EUROPE. HE CHARGED THAT SOME LEADERS OF THE TUC, NOTABLY JACK JONES, WERE PROPONENTS OF THE "ATLANTIC TO THE URALS" CONCEPT, BUT THAT OTHERS, PARTICULARLY LEN MURRAY (WHO HE SAID WAS GROWING IN STATURE) DID NOT NECESSARILY SHARE JONES' IDEAS IN THIS RESPECT. VETTER ADDED THAT JONES WANTS A GIANT EUROPEAN TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION IN ORDER DE-EMPHASIZE ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

5. VETTER ALSO CONFIRMED THAT WHILE THE DGB WAS NOT TRY-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ING TO "DELAY" THE SECOND EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFERENCE IT SOUGHT TO INSURE THAT SUFFICIENT TIME WAS AVAILABLE TO PREPARE ADEQUATELY FOR A CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL SUBJECTS - NOT A "POLITICAL" CONFERENCE - AND ONE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ILO. THERE WERE SOME TRADE UNIONS WHICH DESIRED CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AS EARLY AS THE FALL, WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP A "POLITICAL" CONFERENCE. HE INCLUDED SOME OF THE TUC LEADERSHIP

AMONG THOSE SEEKING AN EARLY MEETING. (LATER, KRISTOFF-ERSEN TOLD US THAT THE DGB WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE CONFERENCE CLOSE TO THE PERIOD OF THE ILO JUNE CONFERENCE.)

6. THE GERMAN TRADE UNION LEADER, VETTER, STRESSED THAT HE WAS VERY ANXIOUS TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE DGB/AFL-CIO RELATIONS. HE IS PARTICULARLY HAPPY, HE SAID, ABOUT THE NEW EXCHANGE PROGRAM BETWEEN THE TWO TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS. HE ADDED THAT HE IS HOPEFUL OF VISITING THE AFL-CIO NEXT SPRING. HE PARTICULARLY WOULD ENJOY THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK AT LENGTH WITH THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE AFL-CIO DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, ERNIE LEE, WHO BY SPRING WILL HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SETTLE INTO HIS NEW POST.

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